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Applicant

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## PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2002. The response date set in the Office Action was August 24, 2002. A response is being filed herewith today, October 10, 2002, which is within the second month after the response date. A check is enclosed in the amount of \$400.00, which is the fee required for a two month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by two (2) months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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Please credit any overpayment or charge any further fees for this document to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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